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MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
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SUBJECT: **Ontario Lifts Emergency Declaration and Federal Government Revokes Emergencies Act**

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I am writing to provide an update on Ontario's emergency declaration as well as the federal *Emergencies Act*.

Yesterday, the federal government confirmed that Canada has ended the use of the *Emergencies Act*, effective immediately.

In addition, as of 5:29 p.m. on February 23, 2022, the province's emergency declaration has also been terminated. The declaration was made as a result of interference with transportation and other critical infrastructure which prevented the movement of people and the delivery of essential goods and services.

While the declared emergency has ended in Ontario, it is anticipated that existing enforcement tools, including penalties, and current measures under Ontario's *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA) will be maintained. For greater clarity, under the EMCPA, orders may be extended by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for successive periods of up to 14 days even after the emergency has been terminated.

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Thank you, as always, for your ongoing dedication and sustained commitment to keeping Ontario communities safe.

Sincerely,

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